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Mr. Douglas Ballotti, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Ballotti:

SUBJECT: Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Operable Unit 1 – Allied Landfill, Kalamazoo County, Michigan
State of Michigan Concurrence with the Record of Decision

Staff of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has reviewed the 2016 Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for contaminated soil and sediment at the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (site), Operable Unit 1 (OU1 – Allied Landfill), in Kalamazoo County, Michigan. The OU1 – Allied Landfill remedy is financed by monies in a bankruptcy trust for the site, as well as the Responsible Parties that have been identified for the site. The lead agency for the Feasibility Study was the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The USEPA also continues as the lead agency for the Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) for the site.

The ROD developed for OU1 – Allied Landfill includes remedial options developed for soil and sediment contamination at the site but excludes addressing the groundwater, as it is anticipated that groundwater will be protected following implementation of the ROD activities. The USEPA has identified Alternative 2D as the Selected Remedy for OU1 – Allied Landfill to address risk.

The MDEQ concurs with the selection of Alternative 2D as the remedy in the 2016 ROD. The ROD provides the basis for the USEPA to begin the RD/RA.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Bucholtz, Remediation and Redevelopment Division, at 517-284-5072; bucholtzp@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, P.O. Box 30426, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7926; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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